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"The life of the World to come" by Rev. Barclay Swete. D.D.
 'Containing the last utterances of this great scholar.'
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The above is an peculiarly timely, for all our
 thoughts are concerned with "the life of the world
 to come" as they have, perhaps never been
 before. The steady sober conclusions of a
 great theological scholar are peculiarly restful
 & helpful at a time when there are many wild
 guesses at truth. Dr. Swete recognizes that
 the Scriptures are our only source of
 information on this great subject, & do
 not permit himself to go into any speculations which
 have not their sanction. Not only is it
 refreshing to come under the teaching of a
 first-class mind who was entirely unaffected
 by the "peaceful penetration" of German
 thought, & who treats the Scripture as the
 ultimate & sufficient authority, but
 Dr. Swete's scholarly & unobtrusive style of writing
 thus afforded, his courage in facing facing
 difficult questions (such as our Lord's
 Resurrection body) & the question of the
 Church in the consummation are very reassuring

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Many will feel relieved by his treatment of
St. Paul's Parable of the Seed sown. 2

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Livingstone, St. Hers of Africa by V. B. Dawson M.D. (Hon.)
Daley, senior ed., 5/1. Indolent - aged people
know their Livingstone, or say with French
"Let marble crumble: this is Living-Stone!"
but it is not easy to pass on to the children
a dull or feel at the name of the great
Sunday - Explorer. Therefore, Mr. Dawson's
book is especially welcome for he writes as an
enthusiast - who has pictured to himself
many incidents of the great missionary's
career, this book affords deeply interesting
& pleasant reading. This is a Genevieve
first - worth having.

Beethoven by Romain Rolland: Trs. by
Constance Paul. 2/6, Regus Paul.
We seem to have met with a study of Beethoven
by this author before, in delightful French; &
you do not - all the particulars of Beethoven's
parentage & early life recall a very similar
tale told of "Jean Christophe"? If that be the
case, the present work does not fair by
translation. Anyway, it is a tale of
romance, the young musician just

beginning to find himself, just learning
 how to bear the incubus of his family,
 when he is pulled up in mid-career by the
 deafness which isolated him from social
 life, - in defiance of which, with super-
 human efforts is produced work which
 both in its volume & its quality, put the crown
 upon musical achievement. "To my mind,"
 he says, "the empire of the spirit is the dearest of
 all. It is the first of all kingdoms, temporal and
 spiritual." - And this was written at Vienna at
 the moment when seventeenth King, held that at
 the memorable Congress. But how fine were those
 three rich noblemen of Vienna who perceived
 that - "sublime works which are the glory of art" could
 only be produced when the composer was free from
 material care, & at any rate, promised, & began
 to pay a suitable pension to the musician.
 His life, his letters, his thoughts & his works
 are main divisions of a work written with
 singular comprehension & musical knowledge.
 An example, of the 6th Symphony (Pastoral), he then
 says, "This Symphony, often slighted on account of its
 so-called realism & its close proximity amongst
 'program music', is nevertheless one of the
 finest pieces in the whole range of absolute music."

Now follows a delightful descriptive analysis of this as of each of Beethovens great works.

This is a pattern of Dr. Holland's work which should make it illuminating to students & invaluable to teachers. No amany number of his works forms no doubt an article in the great musician's title to fame.

St. Paul the Master-Builder, by Walter Lock D.D.

Dr. Lock's four lectures to deal with four distinct aspects of the Apostle's work & character: The Missionary, The Ecclesiastical Statesman, The Ethical Teacher - justifications by Faith, & The Ethical Teacher - The Moral Law. These are lectures delivered to the clergy of the Diocese of St. Asaph & as are by no means milk for babies. To quote his own words about the work of Dr. Hort, it may be said of the author, too, that he

weighed every word with patient care

lest "a hint of error creep in."

To the lay reader, to whom the work may be less valuable as a piece of scholarly exegesis & examination of the Parker Bibliography, the results of critical scholarship are edifying. For example, "The Acts of the Apostles are proved to be historical" among the reasons, because they imply a knowledge of the history & geography of the country through which St. Paul moved

& also with the conditions of the Roman Empire as well
 as the facts of the Christian Church. Recent study
 gives us a truer conception of St. Paul. He was
 not merely an enthusiastic missionary but
 also as "a great ecclesiastical statesman" who
 endeavoured to join Jew & Gentile in the unity
 of a Catholic Church, whose even greater
 work was to display an ordered system of
 Christian ethics. Valuable & truly suggestive
 as this work is in other respects, it perhaps
 reaches high water mark in its treatment
 of "justification by faith", which again shows
 forth as the great inevitable Christian doctrine, supreme
 & formal chipboleth of the century. Because, says
 Dr. Lock, there are two conceivable alternatives, -
 justification by race, a religion of privilege,
 - justification by works, a religion of self-
 centred thought expressing itself in ^{you eat & another} ~~pretending~~. But if
 the disciple knows that righteousness receives him only
 as he trusts upon God, and - a new divine life comes
 to him as he has faith, then begins for him release from
 "this body of death" & he enters into the glorious liberty
 of the children of God. We are grateful to Dr. Lock for his

restatement of some doctrines essential to the Christian life.

Letters to his Wife by M. G. Kennedy Collins 6/-

These are daily letters written during eighteen months of the War (1915-1917), by Mr. Kennedy, soldier & poet, continued until the day before that on which he died of wounds. Such an intimate record should be of deep interest in any case, but when it is illuminated here & there by that light which never was on sea or land, we appreciate Mr. Kennedy's publication as a gift of value. "I rather hope that people won't altogether forget it" (the War) "in our generation. That's what I wanted to say in the verses I began about -"

"Not in our time, O Lord, we now beseech Thee
To grant us peace - the sword has hit too deep -"
A memorial Sonnet - by Canon Rowlandy introduces the "Letters".

The Student's Guide, by John Adams, LL.D., University of London Press, 3/6.

to take up a work by Professor Adams with respect & find that here he has stepped down from his throne as it were & talks familiarly & sometimes jokingly to the young student. The Professor knows the highway, the reliable short-cuts, the primitive paths of dalliance. He keeps his which will call forth endurance & effort, the less a wire hand & a modern machine for each. Of self-

consciousness we are told, - "This peculiarly unpleasant state amounts to a vice, but it has to be remembered that it is an intellectual vice, rather than a moral one." We have the old woman who had only two teeth, but, said she, "Thank God, they meet." "So many of the conversations on hearselonest of two parts that do not meet." The chapter on 'Examinations' contains many good things, good in both senses of the term.

Crucifixion - to follow Beethoven
George Friedrich Handel by Romain Rolland, trs. by G. F. Hull. 2/6. Hesperus Publ. Co.

Now we have another of Mr. Rolland's delightful & peculiarly interesting studies for the "Library of Music & Musicians." The fulness & accuracy with which the historical setting of the life of Romain is described. Thus we read, "George I of Hanover had many faults but he had one good quality. He loved music sincerely, & this passion was shared by many many of the people more or less notable at his court." So it came to pass that Judas Maccabaeus was written to celebrate the victory of Culloden, & the German Handel became the patriotic composer of England. "His (Handel's) genius adapted itself to a thousand images of passing events, to the nation, to the times in which he lived. . . . Every thing is duly absorbed, controlled & classified. This immense coal is left the sea itself, into which all the rivers of the world

from themselves without troubling its serenity &
the chapter on "His Technique & His Work"
is exceedingly instructive & inspiring

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Books -

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Belief in God, by J. Gore, (Murray, 7/6)

The Christian soul is ^{apt} ~~apt~~ the best-offender
by the mere assumption of a critical attitude
towards God and Christ. Such a soul is
aware of mysteries - things not to be understood
on the right-hand nor the left. How
does the spring flow of sap reach the topmost
branches of a tall pine beyond the reach
of any flow of attraction we can even
guess at? Why does a child 'ferrets'
his nose, features for features, habit for habit?
Why does ^{the} jet irresistibly find the black, then
the ear, & the full cover in the ear? For no
reason that we know of except that these
things recur, & we choose to call such recurrence
a 'law' in default of ~~any~~ explanation.

To the soul passionately absorbed in the
thought of God, unable to conceive of life
without Christ; & necessarily aware of the
mutability & fallibility of human reason,
the doctrines which J. Gore computes appear little

crude. At the same time, we are all aware
 that the boldness of Reason is enthused &
 has a multitudinous following; & we
 are justified for as a learned & careful
 enquiry, de novo as it were, as to the grounds
 for "any sort of belief in God". The author
 begins with the prophets, & they are not
 quite apparent, & established. But
 they, any way believed in God.

Revelation, too, seems to him somewhat
 rational (even) & inevitable. Himself, he is
 inclined to think, do not offer conclusion
 grounds for the reception & repetition
 of either the Old Testament or the Gospels.
 In fact, Science is less sure of herself
 in many directions, & should therefore
 be more open to consider the theses
 proposed by faith.

As we have said, enthusiasm is the
 first condition of Christianity, & therefore
 Dr. Gore's learned & thorough volume
 will appeal to Christian persons ~~only~~ mainly

through a certain curiosity to know what
 unbelievers & nominal believers or thinkers
 but then this very temperate vindication
 of orthodox belief is ~~not~~ offered expressly
 to these two classes & is couched in such
 a form as they would be likely to accept.
 We need not say a word of the careful
 statement, lucid argument, which characterizes
 the volume; these things we have learned to
 expect from the learned & earnest authors.

India Old & New by Sir Valentine Chirol,
 (Macmillan & Co. 10/-)

The inscription on its title page indicates
 the general tendency of this important
 volume: - We shall in time so far improve
 the character of our Indian subjects as to
 enable them to govern & protect themselves.
 Sir Thomas Munro, Governor of Madras, 1824.
 The book is written with a bias, but one with
 which thoughtful persons are sympathetic.
 The question with most of us is, when?
 We all see the danger of a titanic racial
 conflict; we all marvel at the common
 ground of appeal which Gandhi has found

to reach the conflicting races, Mahomedan
 & Hindu; we derive some hope from the fact
 that the two use the very forces which should
 attack the "Salawie" government, to go for
 each other, both & mail. The author has
 manuscript and carefully thought-out
 things to say, but when all is said, with
 the general assumption that the government
 is ~~is the wrong~~, has always been ~~is the wrong~~
 will always be in the wrong. The fact remains
 that how to govern India is a problem
 towards the solution of which we get little help
 here. India Old & New is admirably written
 & each chapter treats of matters of great
 interest; such a survey of Indian
 history, such a discussion of present-day
 questions from an authoritative stand-point
 cannot fail to be instructive.

Everyday Life in the Old Stone Age by Mayrose
 & C. B. Quennell; (Oxford, London, 5/-)

We are grateful for another illuminating book
 by this author & illustrator. We become intimate
 with the Old Stone Age from the point of view
 of persons with a natural human curiosity as

the ages before civilisation began. The authors
after consulting hundreds of authorities
probably all existing authorities, use
their imagination, conceive the persons
& their occupations, & give us a conception
of the old, old life, pretty much as it was
lived.

Insects: by Arthur O. Cooke: ~~London~~ (Jack 2/6)
At last we have a really worthy
book on insects, published in the
"Shewson to the Children Series." The
40 illustrations are very fine: &
children will find the book most
interesting & it will help them over a
certain nature repugnance to insects
however wonderful their structure & curious
their habits.

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